

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 479

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Head Coach Lee Pipkin and the Chester County High School Girl's Basketball Team upon winning the TSSAA Class 2A State Championship Title.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Chester County High School girl's basketball team is one such estimable sports team that has succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Lee Pipkin, the Chester County High School girl's basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004-2005 season, establishing an excellent record of twenty-eight wins and seven losses and capturing the TSSAA Class 2A State Title; and

WHEREAS, after crushing Elizabethton by the score of 38-29 in the opening round of the State tournament, Chester County defeated Walker Valley by the score of 58-38 in the semi-finals to advance to the State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the Chester County High School girl's basketball team defeated Austin East 47-42 to claim the TSSAA Class 2A Girl's Basketball State Title; and

WHEREAS, Bianca Thomas led Chester County with sixteen points, and Lawanna Holiday scored twelve points, grabbed ten rebounds, and had four assists; Whitney Holmes chipped in ten points, grabbed eight rebounds, and had two assists; and

WHEREAS, Lawanna Holiday, Whitney Holmes, and Bianca Thomas were named to the Class 2A All-Tournament Team; Bianca Thomas was also named Class 2A Miss Basketball and the Class 2A Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the athletes on this amazing team include, Samantha Davidson, Tosha Thomas, Heather Durbin, Annashae McPherson, Melissa Balding, Keisha Ivery, Lawanna Holiday, Whitney Holmes, Tae Atkins, Crystal Platt, Bianca Thomas, Brittany Hinson, Ashley Spain, and Shecyra Prather; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Lee Pipkin, the 2004-2005 Chester County High School girl's basketball team is aided by Assistant Coach Mike Goff and Managers Sheena Woods, Stephanie Mickens, and Calandra Davis; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the Chester County girl's basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to seize this golden opportunity to honor and congratulate the Chester County High School girl's basketball team upon an excellent basketball season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Lee Pipkin and the Chester County High School girl's basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class 2A State Championship Title and wish them well in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.